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1. GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) WILL SEND THREE DELEGATES:
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE SHIRLEY FIELD-RIDLEY, WIFE
OF PRIME MINISTER MRS. VIOLA BURNHAM, AND CULTURAL OFFICER GUYANA
NATIONAL

SERVICE (GNS) AJKUMARIE SINGH; AND FOUR ADVISERS:
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL ON AFFAIRS AND STATUS OF WOMEN IN GUYANA
(CASWIG) ENID FORDE, EDUCATION OFFICER GNS FAY WILSON, REGIONAL
SUPERVISOR OF PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) URMIA JOHNSON,
SECRETARY EDUCATION BOARD UNITED SAD'R ISLAMIC ANJUMAN MAUREEN
BACCHUS.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE FIELD-RIDLEY WILL ET ON A SPEAKERS PANEL
AND IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS JOURNALISTS.

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3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CARIBBEAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MAY SEND

DELEGAION INCLUDING GUYANESE TO TRIBUNE.END UNCLASSIFIED

4. FIELD-RIDLEY,
FORMERLY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, IN HER EARLY
FORTIES, IS ALIGNED WITH MORE RADICAL WING OF RULING PNC AS IS
HER HUSBAND, MINISTER OF COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION
HAMILTON GREENE. A HARD-LINE THIRD WORLDER, SHE CAN BE EXPECTED TO
USE CONFERENCE AS FORUM FOR RADICAL THIRD WORLD INITIATIVES.

5. VIOLA BURNHAMN WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER LINDEN FORBES BURNHAM,
IS VICE PRESIDENT PNC WOMEN'S AUXILIARY. A FORMER LATIN TEACHER,
SHE BILLS HERSELF AS A FARMER IN LINE WITH GUYANA'S AGRICULTURAL
DRIVE. SHE HAS BEEN VISIBLY ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS. MORE MODER-
ATE THAN FIELD-RIDLEY.

6. RAJKUMARIE SINGH, DAUGHTER OF DISTINGUISHED LOCAL PHYSICIAN,
STOOD AS PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE OF OPPOSITION COMMUNIST-LED
PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP), ALTHOUGH SHE DENIES PARTY
MEMBERSHIP. LONG ACTIVE IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS, SHE HOLDS RANK OF
CAPTAIN IN PARA-MILITARY GNS. SHE IS CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR,
SHE HAS APPLIED TO IMMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN HER
IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

7. ENID FORDE, PRESIDENT OF GOG-INSPIRD CASWIG, IS FORMER SUGAR
ESTATE SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER.

8. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND RELEVANT BACKGROUND
ON FAY WILSON, URMIA JOHNSON AND MAUREEN BACCHUS.
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